

Dear Honorable Councilwoman Watson:

CONGRATULATIONS to you for the role you played in making the March/Rally a most successful event. You are to be commended!

The Village is the city of Detroit, it is the state of Michigan it belongs to you it belongs to me.

Your commitment and love for this city, and the people who live here was evident by your unwavering support and presence. Your words were encouraging and heartfelt we cannot thank you enough for taking part in this event.

We are pleased to report that through this event we were able to meet two of the objectives in our Mission Statement; they are awareness and healing; with your continued leadership coupled with loving and caring citizens we can reclaim this city and restore it to a beautiful and safe place for all. As we continue to grow and work towards strengthening the fabric of this great city.

We look forward to a long and lasting alliance with you.

Rev. Dr. Edward R. Knox

The Village, The People of Passion

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Dear Honorable Distinguished Guest,

It was indeed an honor and a pleasure for your committed attendance at our recent occasion. We surely hope you enjoyed yourselves as much as we were delighted by your presence.

Our success is built on the strength of relationships created by knowing and working with you. We anticipate your continued support in the future.

Sincerely,  
American Nigerian Economic Council

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Dear Ms. Watson

As a second year (almost third year) medical student at Wayne State, I just wanted to say thank you. Thank you for continuing to support and give the students at Wayne State School of Medicine a voice in the City Council.

Jason Harig

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Dear Jo Ann:

My deepest thanks for presenting me with a Spirit of Detroit Award on my reelection to the Wayne State University Board of Governors.

I look forward to working with you and your colleagues in the years to come for the betterment of the University and the City of Detroit.

Warmest personal Wishes.

Sincerely,  
Eugene Driker

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Council Member Watson,

Rosedale Park thanks you for your vote last week regarding Historic Designation for our area.

We greatly appreciate your logic and words of support during the discussion following the vote on the 31st. Rosedale residents humbly request your support once again on the February vote.

I will make sure that our residents know of your sincere efforts in this matter on their behalf.

Denise Robinson-Mooney, President  
Rosedale Park Improvement Assoc. 2006-2008

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Dear JoAnn:

You are one of Detroit's inspirational leaders, someone who has taught us how much we can accomplish when we care enough; when we work together toward worthwhile goals.

The Michigan Regional Council of Carpenters and Millwrights wishes to thank you for sharing the joy of the season with the students of Spain Dual School at the Tenth Annual Carpenters' Christmas for Kids celebration. Your presence meant a great deal to the students and to our Christmas for Kids "family."

We understand that Detroit's strength is in its people, its future residents and leaders. That is why the MRCC has made a decade-long contribution to the students and to Spain School, a neighbor of our Detroit headquarters. We are pledged to help build Detroit through working on the Job site, encouraging new investment in the City, and through caring about our communities.

Once again, thank you for joining us. Much success in your continued service on the City Council and we look forward to working together in the New Year.

Sincerely,  
Douglas C. Buckler  
Executive Secretary/Treasurer  
Michigan Regional Council Of Carpenters and Millwrights

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Dear Council Member Watson,

Thank you for hosting the World Aids Day 2006 Program, which Detroit Public Schools participated in December 1, 2006.

Thank you for addressing an issue which warrants notice in Detroit. As a community leader of our city, your continued commitment to the children of Detroit is inspirational. We pray your strength for many years to come.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Arlene Richardson  
Program Associate, Health Education

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Dear Council Woman Watson,

I am sending this letter to thank you for always striving to enlighten the citizens of the city of Detroit and beyond. The 'Doctors for Detroit' meeting on Saturday December 9th 2006 was another example of your great efforts. The guest speaker Rev. Lucius Walker, Jr. was extremely informative and I look forward to following up with him and his group about the exciting opportunity that he presented.

Thank you for bringing value to my vote.  
Respectfully,  
Richard Vincent

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International Union of Operating Engineers  
Local 547 - 547A - 547B - 547C - 547E - 547G - 547H 547P

Dear Council Member Watson:  
RE: Scrap Processors

I am writing on behalf of the men and women of Local 547 of the IUOE. Our Local Union's members operate and maintain a wide variety of facilities, both public and private, throughout Detroit.

We have watched with outrage as building electrical, plumbing, and mechanical systems have been stolen from both occupied and unoccupied facilities across our great city. The cost, to both public and private facilities, further erodes the vitality of existing entities, and takes the mechanical "heart" out of revitalization efforts.

We applaud the ordinance you introduced to regulate the scrap industry, and we encourage its passage. Pawn brokers have long been regulated for similar reasons. It makes good sense to try and stop illegal urban mining.

After this becomes an ordinance in Detroit, we encourage Council to ask our State Legislators to support a similar State law.

We believe this ordinance should be passed.

Sincerely,  
Philip Scbloop  
Business Manager & International Vice President

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Dear Council Member Watson,

On behalf of The Africa Channel family I personally wanted to thank you for lending your voice and the power of your office to the betterment of the channel. The launch event on November 2nd was a success, much of that success is because of you and for that we are deeply grateful.

The proclamation you provided was more than enough by itself, yet your spoken word in support of The Africa Channel made the presentation even more significant.

We look forward to continuing to work with you towards our goal of demystifying Africa in the hearts and minds of America and the world. We can not achieve this lofty goal without people like you.

If there is anything we can do to help you please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kindest Regards,  
James Makawa

Co-Founder and CEO

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Dear Council Member Watson,

A Thank-You Blessing. The kingdom of God is not far away -

It's as close as the things we do and we say, And people like you bring heaven nearer and help to make God's image clearer. There's so much about you that lets others see God's goodness and love shining through, And that's why this thank-you is really a prayer That His blessing will shine upon you.

The tree was removed on October 30, 2006. Thank you.  
Jessie and Barbara Pettis

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Dear City Council Member Watson:

Thank you for participating in the Disability Community's Memorial to Maryann Mahaffey. On behalf of Sara Glercher, Tommy Meadows and I the coordinators of the event please accept our heartfelt appreciation.

Sincerely, Hank Johnson, Exc. Director , The Arc Detroit

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Honorable Councilwoman Watson:

Thank you for speaking to our organization on 9-9-06.  
We were inspired and left hopeful by your encouraging words.

National Caucus for Black Aged

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Dear Youth Day Volunteer:

On behalf of the Metro Detroit Youth Day executive board, please accept the enclosed Appreciation Award for your participation with us on July 12, 2006.

Without your support and dedicated efforts we would not be able to host more than 30,000 youngsters at Belle Isle each year for a great day of fun, sports, sports clinics, motivational speakers, games, contests, entertainment, a free lunch provided by our food industry, and a whole lot more. THANK YOU!

Again, our thanks and appreciation goes out to you.

Edward Deeb  
Co-Founder and Coordinator And President  
Michigan Food & Beverage Assn.

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Dear Councilwoman Watson:

The Dexter Elmhurst Community Services Center's 2006 "Back-to-School-Community Festival" was a gigantic success. We entertained the community's children, youth and adults with a water slide, a bouncing moonwalk, a train ride, face painting and many other activities. We served hot dogs, potato chips, pop, snow cones and popcorn to all comers. We provided school supplies for over 100 children. It was Great!

On behalf of the Dexter Elmhurst Community Services Center, we would like to thank you for your participation in this year's festival. We look forward to your participation in future events.

Sincerely,  
W. Wimbush, Director  
WC DHS Dexter Elmhurst Center  
11825 Dexter Avenue  
Detroit, Michigan 48206

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Dear Councilwoman Watson:

Thank you and the City Council for the honor of the Spirit of Detroit award. This award and your personal presentation to Detroit Non-Profit Housing Corporation is the highlight of this, our 35th anniversary year of continuous service to the people of the City of Detroit.

Thank you again, and if we can be of help to you, please call.

Best Regards,

Avis E. Holmes Executive Director  
DETROIT NON-PROFIT HOUSING CORPORATION

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Thank you for supporting our Grill & Chill with the Spirit of Detroit Award.

The event was a great success.  
Linda West

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Thank you Honorable Councilwoman for supporting me & my family in the effort to better our community. I pray that God blesses you abundantly thru-out the year.

Terrance Collier  
"The Rapping Mentor"

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7-7-06

Dear Sister Jo Ann,

Thank you so much for standing up for the people on the \$300 trash fee! That's why I love you so much - you fight for Right!, The shortfall in public works could be filled by less privatization and relief by the energy companies & more from the casinos.

Thanks again Sister,  
Ed Vaughn

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June 26, 2006

Dear Councilwoman Watson:

On behalf of the Detroit Branch NAACP, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support of the Detroit Branch NAACP's 51st Annual Fight for Freedom Fund Dinner (Sunday, April 30, 2006).

Your financial support provides us with the opportunity to impact the quality of life in our community. Whether it is providing internship or academic scholarship opportunities to high school students, distributing child safety seats to needy families, registering new voters and educating them on issues, or sponsoring countless programs and activities. Your financial support helps make these programs successful. The Detroit Branch NAACP work is endless and we appreciate corporations/businesses like yours that exhibit good corporate/business leadership by supporting these activities.

While we are still riveting about the success of this year's Freedom Fund Dinner, we are also preparing for the 2007 Fight for Freedom Fund Dinner. We recognize that corporations/businesses such as yourself are preparing for your 2007 budget allocation/appropriations. Please remember to include the Detroit Branch NAACP in your allocation/appropriations for your 2007 budget.. as the fight for freedom, justice, equality, and education continues,

Again, thank you for your support of the organization and thanking you in advance for your support during 2007,

Sincerely,

Hester Wheeler Darwin Beacham

Executive Director Project Manager, Fight for Freedom Fund Dinner

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June 24, 2006

Ms. JoAnn Watson,  
City Council, # 1340  
2 Woodward Avenue  
Detroit, MI 48226

RE: Letter to Mayor Kilpatrick dated June 8, 2006



Dear Ms. Watson,

I cannot contain my tears as I write this letter of thanks to you.  
My heart is overflowing with joy.

Upon your receipt of my letter to Mayor Kilpatrick whereas you along with several others were copied as I was reaching out for help, you called me to let me know you will address my problem immediately.

Friday, June 23, 2006, I received my Blue Cross card in the mail. After months of being tossed from the Pension Department to the Benefits Department and leaving several pleading messages on Ms. Nicole White's (Mayor's Office) voice mail, I am indeed giving my Lord and Savior all honor and praises for YOU.

As of this writing, no one from the Mayor's office has contacted me regarding my problem. This truly grieves me taking into consideration the number of loyal years my husband had with the City of Detroit. Conversely Mrs. Granholm's office did contact me. I informed the contact person, you had in fact contacted me and had placed the problem on the City Council's table for review.

Ms. Watson, please know you can call on me for any support you might need. I will never be able to forget your prompt handling of this needed matter. I know without a shadow of a doubt, my husband can now rest in peace with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ as I look forward to that happy day when I join him.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Patricia Esselman

TEAMWORK IS THE FUEL THAT ALLOWS COMMON PEOPLE TO PRODUCE  
UNCOMMON RESULTS  
THANK YOU!!

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Dear Ms. Epps:

It was my pleasure meeting you Tuesday at our meeting. I have added your name to our mailing list so that you receive the notices directly to you.

I sincerely appreciate when Detroit City Council members show the interest by sending staff members to community meetings. I realize there are many, many meetings throughout the City on any given night, so I do appreciate you finding the time to attend for us. There is always someone at the meeting who has a concern that neither I or the Police Department is able to take care of.

Again, I sincerely appreciate your attendance and involvement. Relay to Council Member Watson that I personally do recognize her commitment and diligence on behalf of the Citizens of the City of Detroit, and thank her for all of her hard work.

Have a Blessed Day,  
Kaila Elsasser  
President, Central District Police Community Relations Council

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Dear Council Member Watson,

The Northwestern District Police-Community Relations. g. would like to extend a heartfelt "Thank You" for your delicious food donation which helped make our annual Officer Appreciation Luncheon such a phenomenal success.

This event concludes the week of appreciation celebrated nationally to honor our officers who risk their lives on a daily basis to protect and serve our community.

Sincerely,  
The Northwestern District  
Police-Community Relations Executive Board

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May 23, 2006,

Goodwill Baptist Church  
5781 Beechwood St, Detroit, MI 48210  
Rev. L. S. Williams, pastor

Dear Councilwoman Watson,

The women of Goodwill Missionary Baptist Church and Pastor, L. S. Williams want to again Thank you!!! We thank you for accepting our invitation to be our Women's Day speaker on May 21, 2006.

You did a marvelous job and we were helped by your message.

I also want to thank your staff members who graced us with their presences. We really enjoyed the fellowship!!! Thanks for the proclamations from the City Council. We will Cherish them. Sister Cooper and I put ours on the wall of our Fellowship Hall to be shared by all of our members and the Pastor put his on the wall of his office. Thank you again. That was indeed an honor.

We pray that your day with us was as memorable to you as it was to us.

May the Lord continue to give you his Divine Wisdom in all of your decision making.

Peace, Grace and Love,  
Mother Wyvette Linebarger & Sister Odessa Cooper  
Women's Day Co-Chairs

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May 9, 2006

There are certain people we thank in our prayers for things we appreciate so.  
But try as we may, we sometimes can't say the words that we want them to know.

They're people who often go out of their way to pitch in when there's work to be done,  
they show understanding, they lighten our problems- they help us in more ways than one...

There are certain people we thank in our prayers, and one of those people is you -  
And this comes to say, "May God Bless you forever for all you so thoughtfully do."

A Million Thanks.  
Tricia McCellan, Brightmoor Block Club Coalition

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April 27, 2006

Dear Ms. JoAnn Watson,

It was a pleasure to be at the Council meeting yesterday to receive the Testimonial Resolution for the Little Caesars Love Kitchen. I'm looking forward to communicating the exciting news to our colleagues and franchisees, who share my enthusiasm for the program.

The Hurricanes provided an opportunity for our colleagues and franchisees to work together to make a difference for people in need. Making a difference in the Detroit community is important to us as well, and the Love Kitchen provides us with a unique way to do that here at home where many of our colleagues live and work.

We're looking forward to next February, when the Love Kitchen will return to Detroit and feed nutritious pizza meals to the hungry and homeless at several shelters and missions throughout the month. Thank you again for taking the time to acknowledge the impact of the Little Caesars Love Kitchen.

We're proud of this recognition and appreciate your support.

Sincerely,  
David Scrivano,  
President  
Little Caesar Enterprises, Inc.

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From the Family of Mrs. Coretta Scott King

It would take several volumes to express in words the deep and heartfelt gratitude that we feel for the love and support you have shown our family during this difficult time.

For your prayers, flowers, contributions, cards, letters, loving words and expressions, we thank you. For years to come, we will continue to reflect on the warmth and tenderness you have extended to our family.

We hope you will join us in taking comfort that our mother and father are together now in eternity, free and at peace.

We are so blessed to carry on her powerful legacy and warmly welcome your continued support as we work to advance the work of our parents for the benefit of coming generations.

Again, it is with the same sincerity in which you offered us your condolences that we express to you our eternal appreciation.

With love,  
Yoanda, Martin, Dexter & Bernice King

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May 2, 2006

Dear Councilmember Watson,

My name is Rev. Deborah Smith-Satterwhite, Pastor of New St. John A.M.E. Church-Dearborn. This is a Personal letter of Thanks. Just before the departure of Mr. Jackson from Detroit Public Lighting Department I had contacted the Public Lightning Department regarding an unresolved street light repair.

I purchased the property on 7559 Memorial last year, and the light is near my home.

In December of 2005, someone came out, accessed the problem and told me that it would take five (5) days to get a part. But unfortunately, five days turned into weeks, and as the Super Bowl approached, I knew that getting any help would be difficult. Well, phone calls to Mr. Cole of the lighting department were never returned. But Praise God, around March, I got a hold of your office. It was after that time that you walked on, my situation.

And on Good Friday April 7th, 2006, another team came and accessed the problem.

But this time, three days later, April 10th, 2006, they came right back, and fixed the problem.

Thank you Ms. Watson for all of your help.

Thank you Ms. Watson for having a "Heart for the people" and Please "Have a Blessed Day."

Pastor Deborah Smith-Satterwhite  
Citizen/Community Leader/Pastor

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Dear Council Member Watson,

I read your most recent editorial in The Michigan Citizen titled "State of the City." I was so pleased to hear your opinions and views regarding our city. Especially your suggestion of developing and implementing a plan that would allow citizens to become self-employed by providing them with the necessary education and capital if they completed the requirements. This is so needed in our community, I for one have always wanted to be self-employed and run my own business. I am willing to work very hard to be a success. I have always been a fan of yours every since your radio show "WAKE UP DETROIT". You are truly a precious jewel to this city. I commend you for your efforts and your commitment to the citizens of Detroit. If there ever was a politician that was of the people, by the people, and for the people you are truly it. May God bless you Joann Watson.

Sincerely,  
Sherry McGhee

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Dear Ms. Watson,

I attended a meeting with the West Grand Boulevard Collaborative Organization on March 21, 2006. Mrs. Mildred H. Robbins, President, you chaired the meeting.

I would like to congratulate you for the way you chaired the meeting. You listened, asked questions from the speakers and you let us know you were familiar with our community, and you were very concerned about our needs. You got right to the point, what could be done to solve some of the problems.

I believe our problem will be solved after your chairing of the meeting.

I am a senior and still trying.

Thank you Ms. Watson for caring. Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Mary Mallory

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Thursday March 16, 2006

Madam Watson:

Let me begin by stating at the outset that until tonight as I watched you speak at the council meeting, I have never found a reason to be proud of any council member nor any member of of the executive branch of the City of Detroit.

However, I was extremely proud of your remarks in addressing the Detroit Police Dept., and specifically as it relates to the actions of Lt. Williams and his acts toward those citizens who were attempting to march in the downtown area on Martin Luther King's birthday.

I thank you. I hope that you continue to be a vigilant as you were tonight and remain as you have been, a true advocate for the citizens for this great city, the place of my birth, the place I'm proud to call my home, Detroit!

Patricia Hardaway

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To the Honorable Jo Ann Watson  
City Councilwoman Extraordinaire

Thank you for helping my co-workers and I get relief in our parking situation. Everyone is elated and I have posted a statement on our bulletin boards letting everyone know that you were a driving force in that success.

I am a precinct delegate and your name has always been included when I recommend candidates to my voters.

Just for your information, Grace Leavy, executive secretary for Parking

Enforcement Director Ron Ruffin, was very efficient and accessible throughout the whole process.

God is with you....  
Sincerely,

Michael Stroud

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Michigan AFSCME Council 25

32nd Annual Public Employee Dinner

Commemorating the Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

A Special Thank You

For not only supporting the 2006 Dr. King Dinner through your donations, , but also honoring us with your presence.

Albert Garrett, President

Lawrence A. Roehrig, Secretary-Treasurer

Elmira Willis-Stuckey, Chairperson

Saundra L. Williams, Detroit Metro-AFL-CIO Treasurer

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February 22, 2006

To Council Women JoAnn Watson,

First of all thank you for speaking to the children of Pleasant Grove Church last Sunday. Words cannot express our gratitude. Your message was very informative, inspirational, educational and enlightening.

Secondly, stand fast in your position regarding the zoo.

I strongly support you and the council's position. If in any way I can be of assistance in this matter do not hesitate to let me know.

Again thank you and God Bless you.

Raymond Stephen

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February 10, 2006

Dear Councilwomen Watson,

Thank you for the resolution you sent to the Detroit Wholistic Center for our Fall Fest Appreciation Day, on Sunday, November 13, 2005.

Your resolution helped to make our appreciation day a memorable occasion.

It is always an honor and privilege to be recognized by leaders in our community. We appreciate your leadership and support.

Please let us know if you need any additional information about the Detroit Wholistic Center. I will be happy to assist you personally.

Jesse R. Brown, President

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January 20, 2006

Dear Council Member Watson,

Thank you very much for taking time from your busy schedule to participate in our Martin Luther King Jr. Day observance. I believe the event was enlightening to many people and a reaffirmation to others.

Your reflections from those early days of the Civil Rights Movement were stirring and your comments concerning today's climate inspiring.

Thank you again for the efforts of you and your staff.

Sincerely,  
Richard M. Tolman, Ph.D.  
Associate Dean for Educational Programs

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January 13,2006

RE: Petition #4434  
Deborah Taitt Complaint Regarding Repair of Walkway

Dear Councilwoman Watson,

Thank you for your follow up on this matter. The contractor came out in December in an attempt to restore the walkway. They attempted to sand the etchings out and put the designs in the concrete. Unfortunately, the sanding of the concrete did not remove the writing. The walkway will need to be replaced. I will notify the contractor when the winter weather breaks.

As a contractor, I am aware that it is best to pour concrete during warmer weather.

I anticipate that the contractor will come back in the spring and replace that portion of the walkway and fill in around the bricks. I will keep you posted.

Again thank you for your concern.

Cordially yours,  
Deborah Taitt

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January 12, 2006

I see you often on WHPR, Channel 33. I often say, Ms. Watson is a dedicated Civil Servant that loves the City of Detroit.

Ms. Bobbie Johnson

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Dear Council Member Watson,

Grace and Peace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.  
I pray this letter finds you in wonderful spirits, enjoying the ever flowing blessings of the Lord.

We who reside in the city of Detroit are blessed to a person such as yourself who tirelessly serves through your hard work on the Detroit City Council.

I want to take this opportunity on behalf of the Lay Organization and the entire St. Paul AME Church to thank you for all you do.

Sincerely,  
Rev. Andre L. Spivey

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Dear Mrs. Watson,

Thank you so much for holding the meeting in Delray last week, and I want to thank you for the resolution that

you spoke of at the meeting. I am glad to hear that you are dedicated to Southwest Detroit and to its continued life as a neighborhood.

I left the meeting feeling good about what came out of it and I feel confident in knowing that you are on our side in this battle against the MDOT bridge.

Thank you,  
David Nagy

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Meditation Out Reach to the Blind And Radio Ministry Inc.  
3785 Columbus  
Detroit, MI 48206  
313-895-7229 or 313-893-2270

Dear Council Member Watson,

I want to give a personal welcome and congratulation to you for being our City Council Member.

I feel so blessed to live in a city where the councilpersons are so commit to the survival of the people of the community.

I love you and I am praying for you and your family and staff. I am especially Praying that God will give you more wisdom, knowledge, understanding and resource to help our city come back even more than it ever has been..

As I study the word of God it tell us this:

“If my people which are called by my name, shall humble themselves and pray seek my face and turn from their wicked way; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sins and heal their Land.”

II Chronicles 7: 14.

God Bless you, your family and Staff  
Sister Louversey Green

P S: Thank you so much for helping me with the Visually Imparied program

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"Thank you for all of your support."

Stacie Clayton, Vice President - External Affairs  
Detroit Super Bowl XL Host Committee

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Thank you for all you did to ensure that Super Bowl XL was such a successful event. We can all be proud of the City of Detroit and we could not have done it without the support of City Council.

I truly appreciate the honor of receiving the Spirit of Detroit award.

It was very generous of you to present it to me.

Susan Sherer  
Executive Director  
Detroit Super Bowl XL Host Committee

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Dear Mrs. Watson,

I appreciate your work on Council a lot.

Sincerely,  
Mary Peyton

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Congratulations! We're happy to work with you for four more years.

Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule to attend our meeting.

We're so sorry you didn't get to speak and hope you'll come back soon.

Esther Haugabook, President  
Virginia Park Citizens' District Council

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We just want you to know how much we appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Thank You.

“To God Be The Glory”

It is most appreciative of you for the Resolution in memory our daughter

Sonja La Karen Amons-Spears, just want you know we do “ThankYou”,

it is and will be a cherished document that we will forever hold dear and share with others and especially her 14 year old son, Darnelle Alexander Spears.

God Bless Us All,

Jumakah R. & Juanita Amons

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"MANY THANKS"

You are awesome Council Woman JoAnn Watson.

The people on the 14200 block of Fordham thank you!

The no standing signs are gone in front of the homes.  
Ed Hall

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I would like to thank all parties involved in handling my case. Planning and Development has worked with me in coming to an agreement. At this time I am very Satisfied with the decisions that have been made regarding my case. I really appreciate the time put into my case by Mr. O'Neil and the Developers.

Special thanks go to City Council member JoAnn Watson and the City Council for allowing me to present my case and represent myself as a Detroit resident.

I will say that this situation has restored my faith in this city to some degree.

I understand that a lot has to be done, but I will remain a Detroit resident as long as we have people in office that will take the time out and listen.

Sincerely,

Damian L. Wheeler

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